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TO: FAMILY PACT PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: FAMILY PACT PROGRAM LETTER: 05-03

1. FAMILY PACT *CLINICAL PRACTICE ALERTS*
 - Emergency Contraception
 - Urine Pregnancy Testing in the Office
2. INCREASE IN CLINIC DISPENSING LIMIT FOR PLAN B

The Maternal Child Adolescent Branch/Office of Family Planning (OFP) issues *Clinical Practice Alerts* to provide guidance to Family PACT (Planning, Access, Care and Treatment) providers on current clinical issues. The enclosed alerts have been reviewed by the Family PACT Clinical Practice Committee and are intended to clarify policies on Emergency Contraception and Urine Pregnancy Testing in the Office.

These alerts provide an interpretation of Family PACT Program Standards on these topics. Providers should refer to the Family PACT *Policies, Procedures and Billing Instructions* (PPBI) for the complete text of the standards, official administrative practices, and billing information. For the purposes of this and other Family PACT *Clinical Practice Alerts*, the term "shall" indicates a program requirement while the term "should" is advisory and not required.

Early in 2006, the Family PACT Program will increase the onsite dispensing quantity for Plan B (X7722) from one packet per month per client to two packets, not to exceed six packets per year. Official notification of this policy change will appear in a future *Medi-Cal Update* bulletin. **Do not** begin dispensing more than one packet per client before the official announcement, as you will not be reimbursed for the second packet until that time.

This new policy has been implemented as part of ongoing Family PACT quality improvement. The specific limits are based on internal data on usage patterns of Plan B in our clients, input from providers and review by the Clinical Practice Committee.

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Please share the *Clinical Practice Alerts* and upcoming policy change with all clinicians providing services to Family PACT clients. *Clinical Practice Alerts* may be downloaded from our web site www.familypact.org. If you have questions or comments, please contact Michael Policar M.D., M.P.H., Chairman, Family PACT Clinical Practice Committee at (916) 650-0414.

Thank you for your participation in the Family PACT Program. We hope these *Clinical Practice Alerts* are useful to your practice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie Weaver".

Laurie Weaver, Chief
Office of Family Planning

Enclosure